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PORT FACILITIES
SIHANOUKVILLE, CAMBODIA
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1. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE PORT OF SIHANOUKVILLE, LOCATED 1.5 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF THE GULF OF SIAM MIDWAY BETWEEN THE BORDERS OF THAILAND AND SOUTH VIETNAM, IS CAMBODIA'S ONLY DEEP WATER PORT. CONSTRUCTION OF THIS FACILITY, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEASTERN SIDE OF THE BAIE DE KOMPONG SOM, BEGAN IN MAY OF 1956 WITH FRENCH AID AND WAS COMPLETED IN 1959. THE PORT WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED FOR AN ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 200,000 TONS. BY MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING BERTHING SPACE AND A NEW LIGHTERAGE SYSTEM, THIS TONNAGE HAS BEEN SURPASSED AND IS EXPECTED TO HANDLE 1.4 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY BY 1970, ASSUMING THE COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

THE DRAFT OF THE VESSELS WHICH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ALONGSIDE THE PIER VARIES FROM [] ON THE EAST SIDE TO [] ON THE WEST SIDE. ALONGSIDE BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONE LARGE OCEAN-GOING CARGO VESSEL, THREE STANDARD OCEAN-GOING CARGO VESSELS, AND FOUR LIGHTERS; A LARGE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL VESSELS CAN BE ANCHORED OFFSHORE. THE ESTIMATED MILITARY PORT CAPACITY IS 2,700 LONG TONS OF GENERAL CARGO PER DAY.

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2. PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

REVEALS SIHANOUKVILLE PORT FACILITIES TO CONSIST OF AN IMPROVED NATURAL HARBOR, WITH PRINCIPAL WHARVES CONSISTING OF AN OFFSHORE PIER (935 X [REDACTED] AND A LIGHTERAGE QUAY. A BREAKWATER, APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET IN LENGTH, IS OBSERVED BETWEEN THE OFFSHORE PIER AND THE LIGHTERAGE QUAY. FACILITIES INCLUDE TWO LARGE AND FIVE SMALL WAREHOUSES AND AN OPEN STORAGE AREA. APPROXIMATELY FORTY CARGO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED. ONE LARGE AND ONE MEDIUM FREIGHTER, SIX LIGHTERS, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT ARE IMAGED.

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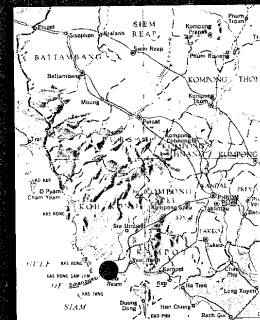
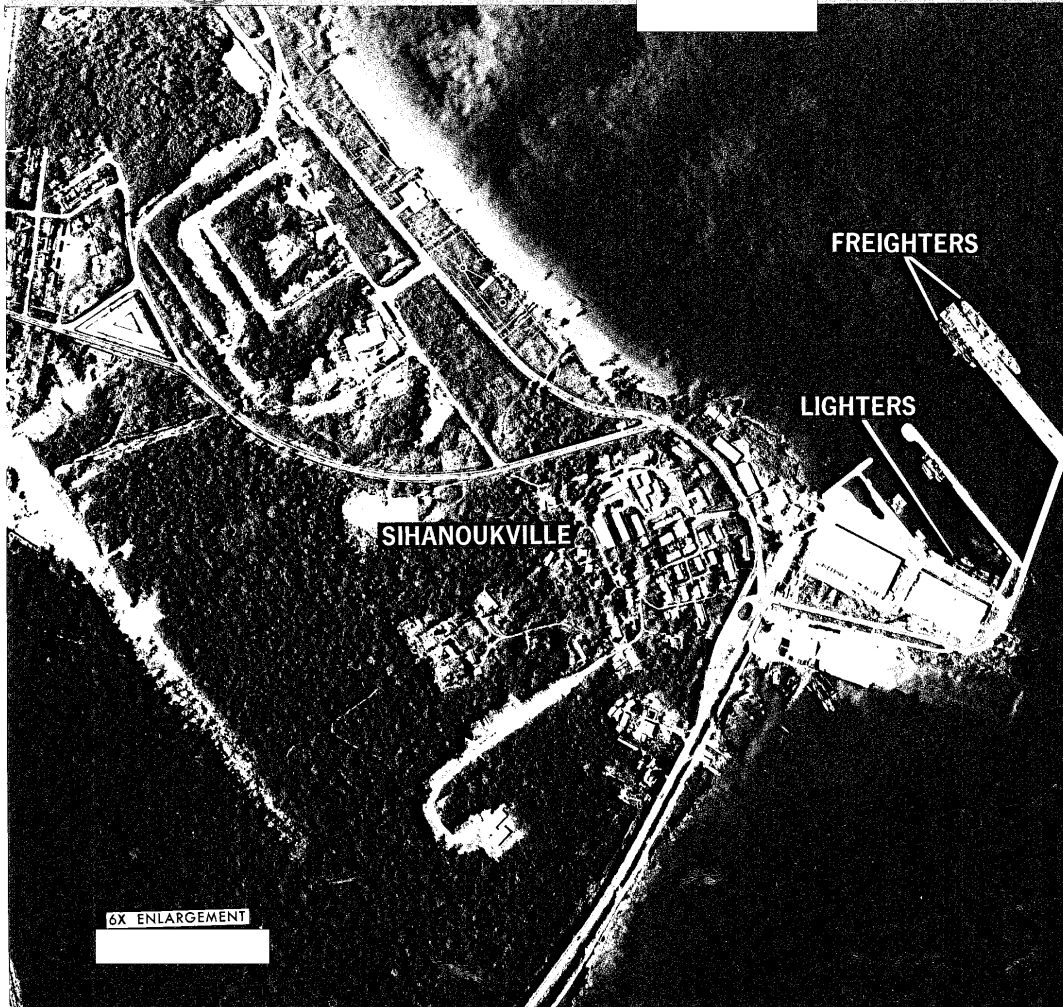
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